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ICE officers arrested 30 in local fugitive operation

BOSTON—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers arrested 30 aliens during a local fugitive operation here yesterday.

The operation netted arrests of 26 fugitive aliens and four illegal aliens in 5 metro-Boston cities, Revere, Malden, Chelsea, Everett and East Boston.

Some of the individuals arrested in this operation have been fugitive aliens for over 15 years.

“Conducting targeting enforcement actions such as fugitive operations restores integrity to the immigration system and promotes national security and public safety in our neighborhoods,” said Bruce E. Chadbourne, Director of ICE’s New England Field Office. “In many cases, we remove violent criminals who pose a threat to public safety from our communities. In all cases, we remove aliens who have shown disregard for the immigration laws of this country.”

Yesterday’s operation is part of an ongoing ICE effort to identify and arrest fugitive aliens who have avoided deportation, and remove them from the United States. Twenty-six of those arrested have been previously ordered deported by a federal Immigration Judge, and have failed to comply with those orders. So far this fiscal year, there have been over 470 fugitive aliens arrested within the jurisdiction of ICE’s New England Field Office.

The arrests of those fugitive aliens are a result of ICE’s National Fugitive Operations Program (NFOP), which is part of ICE’s ongoing effort to restore integrity to the nation’s immigration system. The aim of the NFOP initiative is to reduce the number of fugitive aliens in the United States. Fugitives are foreign nationals who have been ordered removed by a federal Immigration Judge, but failed to comply with those orders.

The majority of arrests were made in Revere, with a total of 20 aliens, 19 of which are fugitives. ICE was assisted by the Revere Police Department in this operation.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.